



# Morning Highlights

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Time: 11:00 am

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## Red Flag Warnings

A red flag warning was issued for the Skagway area starting at 11 am today through 8 pm due to very low relative humidities.

A red flag warning was issued today starting at 2 pm and ending at 1 am for a portion of the northern interior. Very warm temperatures, low relative humidities, northeast winds up to 30 mph along with light showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected.

## Wildland Fire and Smoke Update

As of 9 am Tuesday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 354 fires and 511,024.5 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 267 fires had burned 24,911.7 acres.

64 fires are active across Alaska and seven fires are staffed with firefighters.

Rock Slough Fire	10,018 acres	<u>132 personnel</u> Gannet Glacier Type 2IA crew Midnight Sun Type 1 crew North Star Type 2 crew Venetie #1 Type 2 crew
Bear Creek Fire	29,713 acres	<u>29 personnel</u> Chena Type 1 crew
Zitziana Fire	19,270 acres	<u>36 personnel</u> Pioneer Peak Type 1 crew
Minto Flats South Fire	79,200 acres	38 personnel (+ 100 in pm) Alaska Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team 5 Type 1 crews to arrive later today
Chakina Fire	5,000 acres	8 personnel
Lunch Lake Fire	324 acres	12 personnel
Winter Trail Fire	2,310 acres	35 personnel

With the warmer, drier conditions, fire activity is increasing for much of the state.

Smoke is expected to remain over most of interior Alaska at least into Wednesday, when a brief change in the weather pattern could bring a brief clearing to interior Alaska for 1-2 days. Warm and dry conditions are expected to return by late Thursday and persistent smoke can be expected to last several more days. To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

### **Additional References**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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